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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO INTERFERING WITH FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to interfering with a federal investigation and resisting arrest.

Cassandra R. Watts, 49, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Watts** admitted that she resisted arrest and interfered with federal law enforcement officers who were in the process of executing an arrest on one of her associates on April 9, 2004, in Kansas City.

Watts was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 8, 2004, in Kansas City.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Watts** may be subject to a maximum sentenced of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Michael Green. The case was investigated by the United States Marshal's Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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